

Visa Recap

B-1, Visitors for Business. Lasts one year, with six month extensions possible.

Hint: **B** = **B**usiness **1** = valid for 1 year

D-1, Foreign crewmen. This visa is for foreign crewmen on an aircraft or sea vessel.

Hint: Think **D**elta airlines to remember the **D** for aircraft crewmen.

E-1, Treaty Traders. Valid for 1 year with 2-year extensions.

Hint: Treaty Traders sounds like Trick or Treaters. Hallow**E**en is on Oct. **31**.

E-2, Investors. Valid for 2-years with 2-year extensions.

Hint: **E**ntrepreneurs/Investors want to double (**2**) their money.

E-3, Specialty Occupations. Limited to 10,500 Australian individuals annually.

Hint: Crocodile **D**undee has three letter E's. He is from Australia.

F-1, Students. Used by full-time students at an approved U.S. educational institution. Can work part-time not exceeding 20 hours per week.

Hint: Think **F**inal Exam to remember the **F** for student visa.

H1-B, Specialty workers. Issued to college-educated or experienced professionals in special occupations, or to fashion models or registered nurses.

Hint: **H1N1** swine flu, **H1-B** visa for registered nurses/specialty workers.

J-1, Exchange Visitors. Issued to students, trainees and teachers participating in an exchange program. Valid for 1-5 years.

Hint: Remember **J**unior College to think of a student exchange program.

L-1 (A & B), Intracompany transfers. Temporarily transfer an executive to a U.S. affiliate. Valid for 3 years with 7 year extension for managers/exec's and 5 years for specialized workers.

Hint: Intracompany... think "**L**ateral" for the **L**.

M-1, Nonacademic or vocational students. Valid for 1 year for practical training, plus 30 days to depart.

Hint: **M**elody for the **M** to think of singers or other non-academic students.

O-1 and O-2, Extraordinary Ability. Extraordinary in science, education or an artist are issued O-1. Dependents are issued O-2 to accompany the alien. Valid for the period stated on the petition plus 10 days before and after with one year extensions.

Hint: Extra**O**rdinary

P-1, Entertainers, athletes. Can only work for the employer that sought the Visa. Valid for 5 years for individual athletes, 1 year for members of a team or entertainers.

Hint: Think **P**GA tour to remember athletes for **P-1** visa.

Q, Cultural Exchange Visitors. Alien must share the history and culture of their country. Valid for duration of program. Extensions are available.

Hint: You're on your own for this one. I've got nothin'! ☺

R-1, Religious occupations. Can only be employed by the religious organization sponsoring them. Valid for up to 5 years only.

Hint: **R** = **R**eligious

TN, NAFTA professionals. Canadian and Mexican professionals under NAFTA. Valid for 1 year with 1 year extensions.

Hint: Think "**T**ropical" for **T** to remember Mexico, and **N**orth for the **N** to represent Canada.